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"Know and you will feel,
Know and you will give,
Know and you will pray."

Interested inquiries about various phases of the Training School, and its different departments have been numerous, and since it is due to the constituency which nurtures and supports this great work that information should be disseminated, the following facts have been put into condensed form.

1. What is the purpose of the Training School?

Its purpose is to train women called to God to give their lives to any form of Christian work. The volunteer for service in Sunday school or Church work, the woman who is to do W. M. U. work in her own association or State, the girl who longs to be a city missionary, or she who is fitting for service under the Home or Foreign Mission Boards may learn here the intelligent discerning use of the "Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

2. When was the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union Training School opened?

On October 1, 1907.

3. By whom was it established?

By the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention.

4. By whom is the School conducted?

The School is conducted on behalf of the Union by: (a) A Board of Trustees consisting of one member from each State, Territory or District connected with Woman's Missionary Union, together with the President, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of said Union. (b) A Board of Managers composed of Baptist women of

Louisville, Kentucky. (c) An Advisory Board of seven members, two of whom are connected with the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, two of whom are Baptist laymen of Louisville or vicinity, and three of whom are the Corresponding Secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, and the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

5. How are these boards elected?

These boards are elected annually by Woman's Missionary Union.

6. Where is the School located?

At 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

7. How was the property acquired?

The building and grounds were the gift of the Sunday School Board of Southern Baptist Convention to Woman's Missionary Union, $20,500 being generously given for this purpose.

8. How is it supported?

The School is supported entirely by the gifts of the Baptist women and girls of Woman's Missionary Union.

9. What amount is needed for current support and how is this raised?

$3,600 is the sum furnished annually by Woman's Missionary Union, this amount being apportioned among the eighteen States of the Southern Baptist Convention as follows:

APPORTIONMENT FOR SOCIETIES AND BANDS FOR TRAINING SCHOOL CURRENT EXPENSES.

Alabama	$200
Arkansas	70
District of Columbia	35
Florida	60
Georgia	635
Illinois	15
Kentucky	465
Louisiana	75
Maryland	65
Mississippi	150
Missouri	150

New Mexico	10
North Carolina	335
Oklahoma	55
South Carolina	290
Tennessee	215
Texas	250
Virginia	525
Total	$3,600

10. For what is this money used?

This money is used to pay the salaries of the Principal, the teachers of Piano Music, Mission Study, Elocution, Applied Methods in City Missions, and the Matron and Nurse. This sum pays for the medical lectures, the Physician's fee, and also covers the wages of Cook and Janitor. Since the beginning of the School there has been no deficit in the current expense account of any scholastic year.

11. How are the expenses for fuel, lights, water and the table met?

By the board paid by each student, this amount being $3.00 per week.

12. Do Baptist girls pay tuition?

They do not.

13. What are the expenses of a student for one year?

It is estimated that $175.00 is the minimum cost of one year in the Training School.

14. What expenses are included in this amount?

This amount covers the cost of board, room, heat, lights, bath and laundry, also cost of books, stationery and entrance fee.

15. Is there an extra fee for Piano Music or modern languages?

There is not.

16. Is there a Students' Aid Fund by which worthy students may be helped?

There is no such fund.

17. How then have students been helped financially?

Worthy students have had assistance from individuals, or from their home churches, or associations or States.

18. What States have Training School Scholarships for the use of eligible young women of those States?

Alabama, Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Mississippi, Tennessee, Florida, and Kentucky.

19. What States have aided individual girls in the School?

Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, Mississippi, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and Maryland.

20. Should a young woman need financial aid, to whom should she apply?

She should apply to the Training School Trustee and the Central Committee of her own State, by whom in some cases a limited number of worthy students are assisted.

21. May residents of Louisville take the Training School course?

They may enter all of the classes of the School, with the exception of Piano Music, by the payment of an entrance fee of $2.00 per year.

22. May the wives of Seminary students have the advantages of the Training School?

They may enter the School under same conditions as residents of Louisville.

23. Would it be advisable for the wives of missionaries to spend a few months in the Training School?

Even a few months of the Training School work would be of inestimable value to the wives of missionaries.

24. May young women of other denominations enter the Training School?

They may enter under same conditions as Baptist young women by paying extra fee of $30.00 per year.

25. What are the entrance requirements for all students?

A student must be at least twenty years of age, she must be earnest in purpose, must have robust health and must have had good literary preparation in High School, or, what is better, a College Course.

26. Can a woman not expecting to do regular mission work enter the School?

She may do so, and if she is unable to spend the entire year she would find a few months of study of great value to her in Sunday school teaching and Church work.

27. What is the best time to choose for a short stay in the School?

The months of December, January, February and March, as these months include many special lectures on Sunday school and Evangelistic work.

28. How is the discipline of the School regulated?

Student Government obtains in the School.

29. How is the Student Government conducted?

A Student Committee acts on behalf of the Student Body, and this Committee has the hearty co-operation of the Principal of the Training School.

30. How is the Student Committee chosen?

This Committee is elected from the Senior and Junior classes by the Student Body, the Chairman always being chosen from the Senior class.

31. How did the Student Government come into being?

The Students themselves felt the need of curtailing their social privileges in order to make their work paramount, and asked of the Management the power to regulate the social life of the School.

32. Is there a summer session of the Training School?

There is not.

33. What is the length of the course?

After two years of successful work a student receives the degree of Bachelor of Missionary Training, and at the close of three years' successful work, the degree of Master of Missionary Training is conferred.

Certificate Courses.

The special course for wives of ministerial students may be completed in one year. The Child Culture Course requires two years' successful work.

34. If a young woman wishes to enter the School, with whom should she correspond?

She should write for catalog and application blanks to Mrs. Maud Reynolds McClure, 334 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

35. Can she be admitted immediately on application?

It is seldom possible for an immediate answer to be sent as the references given by the applicant must be heard from before a decision can be reached by the Admission Committee.

36. What time is necessary for such correspondence?

It is impossible to say, as the time depends on the promptness with which the references reply.

37. What is the connection between the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and the Woman's Missionary Union Training School?

They are separate institutions sustaining cordial relations to each other. Through the courtesy of the Seminary, students of the Training School are admitted to their classes without charges.

38. What Seminary studies are included in the Training School curriculum?

Old Testament, New Testament, Sunday School Pedagogy, Junior and Senior Church

History, Biblical Introduction, Ecclesiology, Sociology, Systematic and Biblical Theology, Comparative Religion and Missions, with some other elective work.

39. What subjects are taught in the Training School?

Junior and Senior Personal Work, Music, Sight-singing, Mission Study, Elocution, Practical Mission Work. A course of lectures on Applied Methods in City Missions and a simple course of medical lectures are also given, while many special lectures are included in the curriculum.

40. How many teachers live in the School building?

The Principal, the Teacher of Applied Missions, the Matron and the Nurse.

41. What are the domestic duties of the Training School Students?

They clean their bedrooms, the bath rooms, the chapel and parlors, wash the dishes, set the tables and serve the meals.

42. What forms of practical mission work do the Students engage in during their course?

During the past eight years the students have taught Sunday school classes, classes in sewing and cooking schools, have done house to house visiting in homes of Louisville, led Royal Embassador and Sunbeam Bands, and organized Y. W. A. & W. M. Societies. Mission Study classes have been conducted, Mothers' Clubs led, hundreds of addresses to missionary societies have been made and loving service has been given in the following institutions: Industrial Reform School, City Work House, City Hospital, Alms House, Baptist Orphans' Home, Bethel Church, Wesley House, Old Ladies' Home and Home for Incurables. Classes, clubs and other activities have also been conducted by them in the Good Will Center owned by the School.

43. What has been the total enrollment for the past eight years?

Four hundred and thirty-two.

44. How many have graduated?

Sixty-nine.

45. What percentage of graduates is in active work?

Eighty-nine per cent.

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From all obtainable information 89 per cent are actively engaged in Christian work.

47. How many have gone to Foreign Fields?

Twenty-nine.

48. What are their names and where stationed?

Miss Gertrude Abernathy.....Chefoo, China
Mrs. David Bryan.....Chefoo, China
Miss Eula Hensley..Chefoo, China. (Now dead)
Miss Janie W. Lide.....Tengchow, China
Mrs. W. W. Adams.....Tengchow, China
Miss Florence Lide.....Tengchow, China
Miss Lettie Spainhour.....Soochow, China
Miss Olive Bagby.....Soochow, China
Mrs. J. C. Daniel.....Pingtu, China
Miss Elsie Guilliam.....Shanghai, China
Miss Louise Tucker.....Shanghai, China
Miss Pearl Caldwell.....Laichowfu, China
Mrs. C. A. Leonard.....Laichowfu, China
Miss Mary Anderson.....Canton, China
Miss Christian Coffee.....Canton, China
Mrs. J. T. Williams.....Canton, China
Mrs. H. M. Harris.....Keifeng, China
Miss Annie Sandlin.....Yingtak, China
Mrs. R. E. Beddoe.....Yingtak, China
Miss Pauline Lide.....Chengchow, China
Miss Clifforde Hunter.....Hwanghien, China
Mrs. W. D. King.....Kwei Lin, China
Miss Margie Shumate.....Shui Hing, China
Miss Beulah Bowden.....Guaymas, Mexico
Miss Laura Cox.....Guaymas, Mexico
Mrs. A. J. Terry.....Therezina, Brazil
Miss Ruth Randall.....Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Mrs. M. G. White.....Bahia, Brazil
Miss Nan Trantham, now under appointment by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Board for Mandalay, Burma.

49. How many are working under the Home Mission Board?

Five are employed by the Home Board.

50. Who are they and where located?

Miss Fannie Taylor, missionary among Italians in Tampa, Fla.

Miss Rowena Williams, teacher among the Cubans in Tampa, Fla.

Miss Bertha Mitchell, Kindergartener for Italians in Tampa, Fla.

Miss Margaret Tweedy, settlement worker in Norfolk, Va.

Miss Frances Black, teacher among Italians in Tampa, Fla., and others who have recently gone to other fields of labor.

51. What other forms of mission work have the Training School Students done?

There are many who are city missionaries, Church missionaries, Settlement workers, teachers in Mountain Schools, Associational Superintendents, State Leaders of special departments of W. M. U. work, Sunday school teachers and Church workers.

52. Does the management of the School guarantee positions for the students or graduates?

It does not.

53. How then do students secure paid positions?

By application to the Home and Foreign Boards. Other capable students are sought by cities, States, churches, or associations for special work.

54. How many students can be accommodated in the building?

By crowding, forty students may be accommodated.

55. Should more than forty students apply for entrance, will they be admitted?

No eligible student will be turned away. Should more than forty apply for entrance, they will be taken care of.

56. Is there need of a larger building?

There is.

57. What steps have been taken towards enlargement?

With wise foresight Woman's Missionary Union began a fund for enlargement in 1910 so that in April, 1914, the valuable corner lot adjoining the School was purchased for $20,000 cash.

58. Was this a vacant lot?

No. An old dwelling stood on it. This has been used temporarily to accommodate the overflow of students.

59. Does this house obviate the necessity of a new building?

By no means. It is old, inconvenient and not suited for school purposes.

60. How is a new building to be erected?

At the Nashville meeting it was decided by the Union to raise $75,000 in the next three years for this purpose. At that time $53,925 was pledged by the States as follows:

Alabama	$ 5,000
Arkansas	1,500
District of Columbia	500
Florida	500
Georgia	6,000
Illinois	125
Kentucky	7,500
Louisiana	1,000
Maryland	600
Mississippi	3,750
Missouri	2,500
North Carolina	5,000
New Mexico	200
Oklahoma	500
South Carolina	8,000
Tennessee	3,000
Texas	2,250
Virginia	6,000
Total	$53,925

61. How will the remaining $21,075 be secured?

The Sunday School Board has generously given $10,000 of this amount and it is hoped

that individuals may be moved to make large gifts to this urgent cause.

62. What is the Good Will Center?

It is a settlement work that is operated and controlled by the Principal of the Training School assisted by the city missionary and the students of the Training School.

63. Where is it located?

It was opened on October 25, 1912, in a rented building on East Madison Street, but in October, 1913, the work was moved to the present building at 524 E. Madison Street, Louisville, Ky., this building having been purchased by Woman's Missionary Union at a cost of $5,000.

64. How was this amount obtained?

$5,000 of the Training School Endowment fund was thus invested and 6% interest on this sum is paid yearly by the School as rental.

65. What is the purpose of the Good Will Center?

It is designed to give Training School students experience in social service, thus training them as directors of settlement work or helpers in institutional churches. Its spirit is one of neighborliness.

66. What are the activities of the Good Will Center?

A Sunday school, a Homemaker's Club for mothers called The Friendly Circle, Cheer All Clubs for working girls, Camp Fire groups for girls in their teens, Boys' Club for boys in their teens, Bluebird Nest for girls from nine to twelve years old, Story Hour for little boys and girls. Piano lessons are given to musical children. A branch of the Louisville Public Library is located in the building and a playground is open in suitable weather. A bath room is also open to mothers and little children. A daily vacation Bible school is conducted for six weeks during the summer.

67. How many people frequent the Good Will Center during the month?

It is estimated that the monthly attendance for all purposes is 2,100.

68. Is the Good Will Center intended to be a substitute for a church?

By no means. It is a feeder for the church. When there are conversions among the settlement people they are influenced to join the East Baptist Church. During the past season there were a number of professed conversions and of this number twenty-three united with East Baptist Church.